

## What is the single best defense for the Christian worldview?

There are many different ways that people view the world so it is prudent to attempt to evaluate these views in order to understand the most appropriate way to see what is happening in the world.

1. What is the starting point of the Christian worldview?

Genesis **1:1**

Jeremiah **17:9**

Genesis **1:26-27**

Proverbs 3:5-6

The Christian worldview begins with God. God is the one and only creator. We did not create ourselves so we must seek to understand what our creator desires from us. Mankind was created by God to function in a manner that paralleled His nature and character. Unfortunately, man chose to rebel from God's authority and descended into sin and in comparison to God's nature and character all of mankind is incredibly wicked, though most may not be as wicked as they could be that does not mean that mankind is wicked.

2. What is the starting point of most non-Christian worldviews?

Proverbs **20:6**

2 Peter **3:3-5**

2 Corinthians **10:12**

Most non-Christian worldviews begin with man. Man is the originator and definer of all that is good and right. They have no objective standard by which to measure their thoughts and actions but by themselves. The best that they have to offer is to compare themselves with other people and as a result they will find that they are not as bad as others and therefore they are considered good. Unfortunately they only expose their own ignorance of what has happened in the past and what will come about in the future.

3. How can we know that the Biblical worldview is true?

John **3:12**

Genesis **1:20-25**

2 Corinthians **4:18**

Isaiah **48:5-8**

Romans **1:18-21**

We can begin with what we actually so see. We can evaluate the various world views and compare it with what is actually known. We can also validate the truthfulness of the Biblical worldview by evaluating what God has told us and the truthfulness of what he has told us. As we look at the world around us, we see that what the Bible describes in terms of life is what is actually seen in reality. Perhaps one of the best validations of the Christian worldview is the reality of the "unseen things". For example we know that there are things that are true and trustworthy and are yet unseen. Among those are the concepts of truth and justice and various rules (logic, mathematics, etc.). We need to consider how and why such unseen things remain true. Why does the sun and moon continue to exist? God.

4. What are some important questions to consider in order to evaluate competing worldviews?

Job **38:4-5**

Hebrews **1:3**

Luke **18:18-19**

Deuteronomy **18:19-22**

One of the greatest questions to ask others about their worldview is “how do you know that it is true?” For the Christian, we know that God was the only one there at the beginning of creation. There is no founder of any worldview, even some of the other monotheistic ones, in which the founder of the worldview was actually there. We also need to consider the question as to why the unseen things (logic, mathematics, etc.) can be relied upon? In the Christian worldview, it is God who ensures that things are reliable and consistent. The entire concept of good and evil needs to be considered. No other worldview really has an adequate and reliable way to define and describe what true goodness is. The who question of the standard of goodness needs to be evaluated.

5. What should we do when it comes to dealing with other worldviews?

Jude **1:3-4**

Proverbs **26:4-5**

1 Peter **3:15**

2 Timothy **4:2-4**

As Christians we are called to “contend” for the Christian faith. This means to be prepared to answer the questions raised, directly or indirectly, by other worldviews as a part of defending the Christian worldview. We should also be prepared to help others see where the worldview of others can and will lead. At the same time we need to be careful not to follow what others are teaching without considering what can happen. As a result we need to remember that these other worldviews come into existence in order to escape from God and Christ and the ramifications of His justice and judgment. This draws us back to the scriptures to proclaim what God has already told us.